## Sun

## **Assemblage 23**

The first day

I felt changed

I felt removed and broken

Over man

Over God

But weak by the same tokenWherewithal

Has dissolved

A soulless apparition

Loss of choice

Lost my voice

Condemned and then conditionedI turn my eyes up to the sun

And stare ahead as if there's none

Mere cinders where my eyes had been

Forced to forget the things I've seenMy limbs move

Without will

My thoughts without emotion

Ignorant

Of my cause

But with complete devotion

I'm sent forth

To collect

Another bitter harvest

A cruel trial

To find out

Who they can push the farthestI turn my eyes up to the sun

And stare ahead as if there's none

Mere cinders where my eyes had been

Forced to forget the things I've seenMowing down

Rows and rows

Like waves of flesh, blood, and bone

Staring blank

Into space

No sign of life on my face

Empty man

With a gun

What on earth have you done?

On your knees

On your knees

For the land of the freeI turn my eyes up to the sun

And stare ahead as if there's none Mere cinders where my eyes had been Forced to forget the things I've seen

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